

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for performing actions on objects, the method executing in a computer system including a processor coupled to a user input device, the method comprising accepting signals from a user input device to first specify a first object and then select a first action to be performed on the first object; accepting signals from a user input device to first select a second action and then specify a second object on which the second action is to be performed; and accepting signals from a user input device to define a gesture that overlaps a third object, wherein the gesture is mapped to a third action to be performed on the third object.

2. A method for displaying images on a display screen, the method comprising displaying multiple windows on the display screen; performing an operation on an image; displaying the image in each of the multiple windows; and accepting input from a user input device to allow independent manipulation of the windows.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the windows includes resizing the windows.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the windows includes scaling at least a portion of the image within a window.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the windows includes rotating at least a portion of the image within a window.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the windows includes panning a window with respect to the image within the window.

7. A method for viewing an image on a display screen, wherein the display screen is coupled to a processor and user input device, the method comprising displaying a navigator box on the display screen; displaying a miniature version of the image on the display screen within an inner box within the navigator box on the display screen, wherein the inner box is smaller than the navigator box, wherein portions of the image not displayed on the display screen are shown in miniature within the area of the navigator box that is outside of the inner box.

8. A method for determining active intervals of operations to be performed on images, wherein each operation includes a start time and a stop time that defines an initial active interval for the operation, the method comprising

selecting one or more operations to be members of a group;

determining a start time and a stop time to define a group interval for the group; and

setting the active region of each operation that is a member of the group to be the intersection of each operation's initial active interval with the group interval.

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10/11/77	11:00	JANE	5678	LOS ANGELES	CA	90001
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